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For: **METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING FUEL CELL BIPOLAR PLATE, FUEL CELL BIPOLAR PLATE, AND FUEL CELL**

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

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In reviewing the official Filing Receipt, we noted an error in that the **title is incorrect** and should read as - **METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING FUEL CELL BIPOLAR PLATE, FUEL CELL BIPOLAR PLATE, AND FUEL CELL**-. A copy of the **Declaration** is enclosed which indicates the correct information. We are enclosing a copy of the filing receipt with the corrections highlighted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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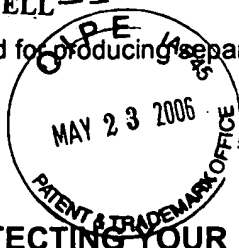
Method for manufacturing fuel cell bipolar plate, fuel cell bipolar plate, and fuel cell

Title

Method for producing separator for fuel cell, separator for fuel cell and fuel cell

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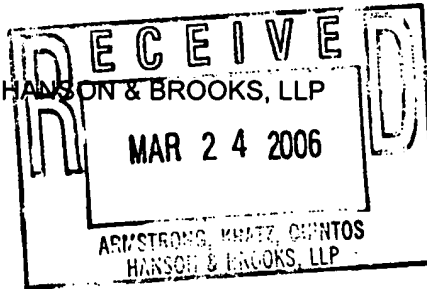
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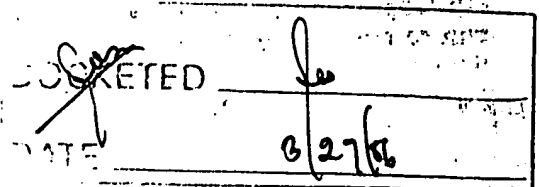
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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING FUEL CELL BIPOLAR PLATE, FUEL CELL BIPOLAR PLATE,
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the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked

☒ was filed on 07/05/2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) – (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

Priority Claimed

(List prior foreign applications. See note A)

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(See note B)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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